

STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Shari T. Wilson, Secretary

BILL NO: HB 420

COMMITTEE: Environmental Matters

POSITION: Support

TITLE: Secretary of Agriculture – Mosquito – Enforcement Authority

BILL ANALYSIS:

This bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to require abatement of situations that allow mosquitoes to breed or develop.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: Support.

MDE supports this bill. Mosquitoes are vectors of many diseases such as West Nile Virus, as well as being a nuisance. Larvacides and spraying will not fully protect public health if there are other breeding locations that have been identified but cannot be abated, thus the Secretary needs this authority.

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